# Summary Minutes of the HRPDC/HRTPO Community Advisory Committee (CAC) Meeting October 14, 2021

The October 14, 2021 meeting of the HRPDC/HRTPO Community Advisory Committee (CAC) was called to order by the Chair at 12:04 PM in the Board Room of the Regional Building located at 723 Woodlake Drive, Chesapeake, Virginia, with the following in attendance:

## **HRPDC/HRTPO CAC Members in Attendance:**

Terry Danaher, Chair (PO)

Cynthia Taylor (IW)

Christian Strange (NO)

Mark Geduldig-Yatrofsky (PO)

Brad Martin (VB)

Scott McFarlane (VB)

Delceno Miles (VB)

Waverly Woods (VB)

Garry Harris (PO)

**HRPDC/HRTPO Staff:** 

Kendall Miller Keith Cannady

Joseph Turner Pavithra Parthasarathi

**Robert Cofield** 

Others in Attendance:

Eric Stringfield – VDOT Ann Phillips – Governor's Office

### **Public Comment Period**

There were no public comments.

#### **Submitted Public Comments**

There were no submitted public comments.

### **Approval of Agenda**

As there was not a quorum of the CAC, Chair Terry Danaher was unable to ask for a motion to approve the October 14, 2021 agenda as presented.

### Summary Minutes of the September 23, 2021 CAC Meeting

The September 23, 2021 CAC minutes could not be approved due to a lack of a quorum.

### Virginia Coastal Resilience Master Plan Update

Ms. Ann C. Phillips, Rear Admiral, U.S. Navy (Ret.), Special Assistant to the Governor for Coastal Adaptation and Protection, presented the CAC with an update on the Virginia Coastal Resilience Master Plan. Ms. Phillips explained that in response to the growing threat of natural hazards and

sea level rise in the Commonwealth, the State's Secretary of Natural Resources and the Special Assistant to the Governor for Coastal Adaptation and Protection were charged by Governor Northam to create and implement a Coastal Resilience Master Plan for Virginia.

Ms. Phillips told the CAC that a Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) was created to support the project and that the TAC includes representation from the State's coastal planning district commissions, key state agencies, university partners, and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. Ms. Phillips also described the team of coastal engineers and planners that were working on the development of the plan. Ms. Phillips then went on to brief the CAC on the Master Plan update and added that revenue from the Commonwealth Community Flood Preparedness Fund will support the preparation of the plan and serve as a partial funding source for plan implementation.

# BIRTHPLACE OF AMERICA TRAIL (BOAT) CAC FEEDBACK

Chair Terry Danaher reminded the CAC that at the September 23, 2021 CAC meeting, Mr. Robert Crum, HRPDC/HRTPO Executive Director, briefed the CAC on the Birthplace of America Trail (BoAT). During that presentation, the CAC expressed the desire to provide feedback on the project.

Ms. Pavithra Parthasarathi, HRTPO Deputy Executive Director, provided an update on the public involvement and notification activities that led up to the BoAT project.

Chair Danaher encouraged CAC members to connect with their respective community leaders and express their support for the BoAT and find out how each locality was participating in this effort.

Mr. Mark Geduldig-Yatrofsky commented that the name of the trail should be reconsidered given the historical implications. Ms. Parthasarathi responded that the name of the trail was currently under consideration.

### **Old/New Business**

Mr. Mark Geduldig-Yatrofsky requested that the CAC consider allowing digital participation during CAC meetings. He said there are examples of digital participation occurring across Hampton Roads. He said he would like to see the public comment portion of CAC meetings become digitized. Ms. Kendall Miller responded that she would relay Mr. Gedulig-Yatrofksy's comments to Mr. Crum.

Chair Danaher presented a Resolution of Appreciation on behalf of the CAC to Ms. Kendall Miller thanking her for her years of service to the CAC and on behalf of the region.

### Adjournment

With no further business to come before the CAC, the meeting adjourned at 2:22 p.m.